

There are TWO Types of Driver's Licenses and ID Cards

You have the choice between a "NOT For Federal Identification" driver's license or ID card or a "FOR Federal Identification" driver's license or ID card.

- **"NOT for Federal Identification"**- A WV driver's license or ID card that does not meet REAL ID Act requirements.
- **"FOR Federal Identification"**- A WV driver's license or ID card that contains a gold star indicating the card meets REAL ID Act requirements for future uses at airports and other designated federal facilities and uses nationwide. For details of how and when the federal government will implement the REAL ID Act, visit www.dhs.gov.

"NOT For Federal Identification" Renewal and Duplicate Applicants for a Driver's License or ID Card

To renew a current WV driver's license or ID card you must provide your current card, renewal notice, and one proof of WV residency document with your name and physical address. However, if you:

- Have a **new physical address**, you must provide two proofs of WV residency documents that include your name and new physical address; or
- Choose to change your name on your current driver's license or ID card with a **new legal name**, you must provide proof of legal name change document(s) to validate the name change. DMV must be able to establish a link between any name changes.

If your driver's license or ID card has been lost, stolen, or destroyed, you must also provide one proof of identity and two proofs of WV residency documents with your name and physical address to obtain a new card.

"FOR Federal Identification" Renewal and Duplicate Applicants for a Driver's License or ID Card

Like the "NOT For Federal Identification" card, these driver's licenses and ID cards are available at any DMV regional office. However, when your application is processed you will receive a temporary card to carry until the official "FOR Federal Identification" card is delivered to your address via USPS.

When choosing a "FOR Federal Identification" driver's license or ID card, you are required to provide one proof of identity document, one proof of Social Security number document, two proofs of WV residency documents with your name and physical address, and proof of legal name change document(s) if your name has changed or is different from what appears on your proof of identity document. Acceptable proof documents are listed on the inside of this brochure. DMV must be able to establish a link between any name changes.

All First Time, Transfer, and Expired Driver's License and ID Card Applicants (Regardless of the Card Type Chosen)

A first time applicant must provide one proof of identity document, one proof of Social Security number document, two proofs of WV residency documents with name and physical address, and proof of legal name change document(s) if your name has changed or is different from what appears on your proof of identity document. DMV must be able to establish a link between any name changes.

First time applicant rules apply to those who:

- Have never obtained a WV driver's license or ID card;
- Have a WV driver's license or ID card, but it is more than six (6) months expired; or
- Are transferring a valid driver's license or ID card from out-of-state. Additionally, all out-of-state driver's license or ID card transfers are required to relinquish their out-of-state card in exchange for a WV card. If you wish to transfer a driver's license and have lost your card, you must present a certified driving record from the state that you are licensed in. The driving record must be dated within the 30 days prior to the date you wish to exchange your out-of-state driver's license for a WV driver's license. New residents who want to drive in WV must apply for a WV driver's license within 30 days after establishing residency.

Reminder to All Applicants

Commercial Driver's License applicants and Graduated Driver's License applicants will be required to provide additional proof documents. For more information on all required documents, please contact DMV.

West Virginia LICENSES & IDENTIFICATION CARDS

CONTACT US!

Call us at **1-800-642-9066**, and we will be happy to answer any of your DMV questions.

For general licensing information, visit:
www.dmv.wv.gov/drivers-licenses

For frequently asked questions, visit:
www.dmv.wv.gov/SLFAQ



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ACCEPTABLE PROOF DOCUMENTS

For a West Virginia Driver's License or ID Card

One Proof of Identity

- An original or certified copy of a United States-issued birth certificate (U.S. Department of State and U.S. Military birth certificates ARE acceptable, hospital birth certificates and Bureau of Census records are NOT acceptable)
- Valid, unexpired U.S. Passport or official U.S. Passport card
- If foreign born, valid, unexpired Department of Homeland Security (DHS) document(s)

One Proof of Social Security No.

- Original Social Security card in your current legal name
- Original Wage and Tax Statement (W-2) or payroll stub with the applicant's employer name and employer ID number, as well as the applicant's name, address, and Social Security number (a photocopy of a W-2 is not acceptable; you may use the same W-2 as one proof of WV residency, provided it is not more than 18 months old)
- 1099 form with applicant's full Social Security number and name

Proof of Legal Name Change

DMV MUST be able to establish a link between any name changes - Call 1-800-642-9066 to clarify which proof of name change document(s) you will need to bring in to obtain your license or ID card (you may be required to provide all or some of the following proof documents below)

- Certified marriage certificate (souvenir documents or Minister's copies are not acceptable)
- Original or certified copy of a birth certificate with amended legal name
- Court Order with legal name/name change
- Certified divorce decree(s) with legal name/name change

Proof of Legal Name Change Continued...

- If you are age 50 or over, have satisfied all other documentation requirements, hold a current WV driver's license or ID card in the name being verified, and have gone through at least one WV license renewal cycle, a signed statement may be submitted in lieu of the name change document such as the marriage certificate or divorce decree

Two Proofs of WV Residency

PO Box addresses cannot be used as Proof of Residency, any recurring document cannot be more than 60 days old (ie utility bills and bank statements)

List B (Any two from this list are eligible)

- WV utility bills (not more than 60 days old)
- Tax records with a WV street address
- WV mortgage documents, WV homeowner insurance documents for a WV residence, or proof of WV home ownership
- WV W-2 form that is not more than 18 months old (you may use the same W-2 as your proof of Social Security number)
- WV Weapons Permit
- A valid WV vehicle registration card
- WV Voter's Registration card
- WV Driver's Eligibility Certificate (School Enrollment Form) if applicant is under age 18 with the applicant's WV street address
- WV Homestead Tax Exemption
- Proof of WV public assistance
- Residential rental or lease agreement
- WV DMV Affidavit of West Virginia Residency

List C (Only one item from this list is eligible, the other proof document must come from List B)

- College admissions letter that shows the applicant is an in-state resident
- Letter from a WV homeless shelter, hotel, senior citizen's home, rehabilitation center, nursing home, children's home, orphanage, shelter, battered women's shelter, or Job Corps, including the facility's physical address, that explains that the applicant is a resident at their facility (letterhead is preferred, but not required)
- Pay check stub from any WV employer that shows a current physical address (cannot be hand written)
- Social Security benefits letter
- WV Professional License
- United States Selective Service card
- WV Dealer temporary registration card
- Letter from the applicant's employer stating that all utility and house arrangements are provided by the employer
- Letter from the US Post Office that shows a new, physical, WV address assigned by the Post Office for the applicant
- WV bank statement, auto insurance card, or hunting license
- License plate or Driver's License Renewal form
- 911 letter

LICENSES & ID CARDS



The REAL ID Compliant License

Ages 21 and Over
(FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION)



The Secure WV License

Ages 21 and Over
(NOT FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION)



Licenses and ID cards issued to applicants ages 15 to 17 have a red background.

These cards display the cardholder's 18th and 21st birthdays.

This sample card is the REAL ID compliant version that is **FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION**.



Licenses and ID cards issued to applicants ages 18 to 20 have a blue background.

These cards display the cardholder's 21st birthday.

This sample card is the Secure WV License version that is **NOT FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION**.